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SUBJ: GALATI STEEL MILL ACCIDENT

1. GALATI JUDET FIRST SECRETARY DUMITRU BEJAN LAST WEEK CONFIRMED TO SWEDISH EMBOFF THAT SERIOUS ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN GALATI STEEL WORKS BEGINNING OF JULY. BEJAN CITED "DEFECTIVE SOVIET MATERIAL" AS CAUSE OF FIRE WHICH APPARENTLY COMPLETELY DESTROYED ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OF ROLLING MILL MACHINERY. FIRE WAS SAID TO HAVE BURNED FOR THREE DAYS AND TO HAVE STARTED IN ELECTRICAL SWITCHBOARD USED TO MONITOR ROLLING MILL. ROMANIANS ARE NOW REBUILDING DAMAGED MACHINERY WITH HELP OF BROWN-BOWER OF SWITZERLAND, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL ALSO BE SOVIET REPLACEMENT MACHINERY INSTALLED. BEJAN ESTAMATED THAT ALL REPAIRS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 23.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH SWEDE, BEJAN ALSO BROUGHT UP RFE CRITICISM OF EFFICIENCY OF GALATI STEEL MILL. BEJAN SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING OF RFE BROADCAST HE ASSEMBLED PLANT INVESTMENT AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS WHICH SHOW THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE INTITIAL INVESTMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOUPED IN TWO AND ONE-
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HALF YEARS.

3. COMMENT. GALATI ACCIDENT WAS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO INVOLVE A VISIT TO BY PRIME MINISTER MANESCU TO PLANT IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT OCCURRED. BEJAN'S ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, IS MOST DETAILED WE HAVE HEARD TO DATE. AS USUAL, NO REPORTS OF THE ACCIDENT HAVE APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS. BEJAN'S REACTION TO RFE COMMENTARY ON GALATI MILL ALSO INDICATES A GREAT DEAL OF SENSITIVITY ON SUBJECT.
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